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PATENT

**Applicant(s):** Sylvia Burssens et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

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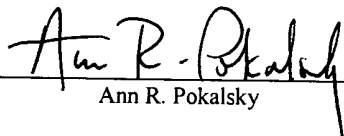
In response to the Official Action dated June 3, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

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